

Dear Provider,

**WEBPAGE REMINDER** - Please check <http://valuecroydon.com/support-for-care-homes-during-covid-2-2> for all the latest guidance and information for care homes during Covid-19.

**THURSDAY'S CARE HOME INFORMATION SESSION** – Tomorrow afternoon's information session will focus on visiting policy. [Linked](#) is the guidance from the Care Provider Alliance you may be interested in. Do join at 1pm via this link: [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

## INFECTION PREVENTION & CONTROL AND INFORMATION

**Infection control fund** – If you have any questions about spending the Infection Control Fund please email [enquiriesBC@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:enquiriesBC@croydon.gov.uk). We can also answer questions about it at the Information Session again tomorrow.

**Covid-19 and Care Homes - Frequently Asked Questions** – Please see **attachment 1** for care home infection control FAQ sheet 13.

**PPE** - Wherever possible we would encourage you to continue to try and secure PPE supplies through your usual supply routes in the first instance. Further information on sourcing PPE and emergency supplies, and also guidance for homes with 24 beds or fewer can be found on the webpage, please click [here](#).

## TESTING

### Online portal for care homes to arrange Covid-19 testing

- All symptomatic and asymptomatic care home staff and residents in England are now eligible for testing, with priority for those in homes that look after the over-65s. Please click [here](#) for further information. **Please let us know when you have registered for the portal and as soon as you get the results by emailing us on [enquiriesBC@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:enquiriesBC@croydon.gov.uk)**

### Testing someone who has impaired decision making capacity without their consent

- Information on looking after people who lack mental capacity can be found on DHSC covid-19 guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-looking-after-people-who-lack-mental-capacity/the-mental-capacity-act-2005-mca-and-deprivation-of-liberty-safeguards-dols-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic>
- Please click [here](#) for further information on testing and what to do if your home as a coronavirus outbreak.

### Covid-19 mobile testing unit

- The government mobile testing unit will be back in Croydon on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July and Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020 for key workers whether symptomatic or asymptomatic. The unit will be based outside the back of Fairfield Halls via the Barclay Road slip road entrance. This unit can be walk up or drive thru. The site will be open from 10.30 and 15.30 for **booked appointments only** via <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>

## ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

- **Prince's Trust workforce project** - Provides care homes a pool of ready candidates for virtual interviews, for various positions within a care home. If you are interested in receiving support from this scheme, please contact Andre Chagwedera ([Andre.Chagwedera@swlondon.nhs.uk](mailto:Andre.Chagwedera@swlondon.nhs.uk)). **The next scheduled day for recruitment is 30th July.** To avoid disappointment, please contact Andre asap so that he can explain the process and help get you booked in.
- **Croydon Talking Therapies (IAPT)** is providing **immediate support to front line/key workers** in the Borough. Simply call 020 3228 4040 and *state you are a staff member* and you will be connected to a clinician who you can talk to, confidentially, about how you're feeling.

#### WEBINARS AND VIRTUAL MEETINGS/TRAINING

- **FREE bite size sessions** aimed at a number of professional groups (including GPs and care homes) are also being planned by St Christopher's. For further information please click here:  
[https://www.stchristophers.org.uk/stc\\_education\\_event/virtual-learning/](https://www.stchristophers.org.uk/stc_education_event/virtual-learning/)

For further information on other training please click [here](#).

Thanks again for you and your carers great support of our vulnerable residents.

Care Home Commissioning Team